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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-

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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-029318
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-038193

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The relevance of these documents are discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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